

TUESDAY, Nov. 20th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Lott presented a memorial from various citizens of Smith county. Read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of Isaac L. Hill. Referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Hill presented the petition of Matthew Reed. Referred to the committee on private land claims.

Mr. Martin presented the petition of Micajah and Martha Bateman. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McCulloch presented the petition of John A. Wells. Referred to the committee on private land claims.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed.

A joint resolution, proposing an amendment of the constitution.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston rope, cordage and cotton manufacturing company.

A bill to incorporate Powder Horn Bayou, and Matagorda Bay dredging company.

A bill to authorize agents and attorneys to make affidavits in certain cases.

And a bill to incorporate the Texas marine railway and building association.

Mr. Russell, from the same committee, reported the following bills correctly engrossed.

A bill granting Pellican Island in Galveston Bay to the corporation of the city of Galveston.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Elizabeth Taylor.

A bill granting the consent of the State of Texas, to the United States, to construct break waters, jettys, dams, and other improvements on the coast of Texas.

A bill to authorize the District Court Clerk of Washington county to transcribe certain records therein named.

And a bill to incorporate the Galveston ice company.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to which was referred the petition of N T Byars, asking pay for services rendered the late Republic of Texas as armourer, and also for rent of the house in which the convention sat in the town of Washington, in March 1836. Reported that the

petitioner had not substantiated his claim for services as armorer. But that he was justly entitled to rent for his house in which the convention sat, and that the committee had instructed him to report—"A bill for the relief of the said N T Byars, which was read first time.

Mr Hill, chairman of the same committee, made the following report: The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Howerton, sheriff of Calhoun county, asking extra compensation for conveying a prisoner (Frillman) from said county to the Penitentiary, have had the same under consideration. This claim seems to have been passed upon by the Superintendent as provided for in the 9th section of the act to establish a State Penitentiary, and allowance having been made therefor as contemplated by said act, your committee deem it inexpedient to make any further allowance. The committee therefore return the petition, and recommend that the same lie upon the table.

Mr Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to prescribe the terms of the District court in the county of Cameron, reported a substitute therefor, and recommended the adoption of the substitute, and the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Millican, Mr Russell was added to the committee on State affairs.

Mr Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred a bill to amend an act, entitled an act of limitation, and a bill to amend the statutes of limitation; reported a substitute therefor, and recommended the adoption of the substitute, and passage of the bill.

Mr Palmer introduced a bill to establish a State university; read first time.

Mr Bryan introduced a bill to create a permanent fund for the erection and support of a State university; read first time.

Also a bill to create a fund for the erection and support of a lunatic asylum; read first time.

Mr Flanagan introduced a bill for the relief of the soldiers of the Republic of Texas; read first time.

Also a bill for the relief of Radford Berry; read first time.

Mr Whitaker introduced a bill granting relief to persons obtaining grants to land, after the closing of the land office by the consultation, up to the time of notification of the commissioner herein named thereof; read first time.

Mr Weatherford introduced a bill, supplementary to an act, to regulate proceedings in the county courts, pertaining to estates

of deceased persons—approved March 20th, 1840; read first time.

Mr Allen introduced a bill to authorise Wm. M. Lee and others, to construct a bridge across the East Fork of the Trinity, at or near Lee's Ferry; read first time.

Mr Potter introduced a bill fixing the salary of the Governor of the State; read first time.

Mr Grimes introduced a bill to repeal an act, entitled an act to provide for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific Rail Road; read first time.

Mr Scott introduced a bill to amend an act, entitled an act to raise a revenue by taxation—approved February 11th, 1850, read first time.

Mr White introduced a bill to authorize the district courts of the State to hear and determine claims and accounts against the State: read first time.

Also a bill to amend the 6th section of an act, entitled an act to incorporate the towns of Victoria, Goliad, and Gonzales; read first time.

Mr Armstrong introduced a bill to create the county of Comanche; read first time.

Also a bill to create the county of Erath; read first time.

Mr McCulloch introduced a bill to authorize the United States Marshal to use the county jails of this State; read first time.

Mr Scott moved the appointment of a committee of three, to act in conjunction with the committee from the House of Representatives, to investigate the recent frauds, supposed to have been committed, in obtaining bounty land warrants, and head right certificates, and that for the purposes aforesaid, the committee have the power to send for persons and papers; carried.

Messrs. Burroughs, Armstrong, and Maverick, were appointed said committee.

Mr Bryan moved the appointment of a committee on the land office, and also a committee on public buildings; carried.

Messrs. Wren, Hill, and Taylor, of Fannin, were appointed the committee on the land office.

Messrs Bryan, Caldwell, and Martin, the committee on public buildings.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill, for the relief of Abrecht Gehrke, originating in the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution from the House of Representatives, That the Senate be invited to appoint a select committee, to meet in con-

ference with the committee from the House of Representatives, raised to take into consideration so much of the Governor's message, as relates to constitutional amendments; read, and concurred in by the Senate.

Messrs. Palmer, Armstrong, Pirkey, Flanagan, and Potter, were appointed said committee.

A bill to authorize agents and attorneys at law, to make affidavits in certain cases; read third time, and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston ice company; read, and on motion of Mr Potter, laid upon the table.

A bill to authorize the district court clerk of Washington county, to transcribe certain records therein named; read third time, and passed.

A bill granting the consent of the State of Texas to the United States, to construct breakwaters, jettys, dams, and other improvements on the coast of Texas; read third time, and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Elizabeth Taylor; read third time, and passed.

A bill granting Pelican Island, in Galveston Bay, to the corporation of the city of Galveston; read third time.

Mr Flanagan moved to amend by adding to section first—"Provided this relinquishment on the part of the State shall not prejudice the rights of any third parties."

Mr Armstrong moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "the rights," and inserting "the locations;" lost.

Mr Flanagan's amendment was then adopted.

Mr Martin moved to amend by adding to the end of section first, "And that the town of Athens, in Henderson county, have, and exercise ownership of 644 acres of public land, one mile west of the location of said town.

On motion of Mr Guinn, the amendment was laid on the table, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Bryan, Burroughs, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cuss, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker, and Wren—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Doane, Martin, Russell, and White—6.

The bill then passed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill, originating in the Senate, to incorporate the Jefferson rail road company.

A bill for the relief of James W. Reed; read third time, and passed.

A bill for the relief of Valentine T. Dalton; read, and on motion of Mr Scott, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Bailey; read, and on motion of Mr White, laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the Texas marine railway and building association; read third time.

Mr Taylor, of Fannin, moved to amend by adding—"That the private property of the stock holders in said association, shall be held, and is hereby declared, to be subject to pay any and all debts, contracted by said association; lost.

On motion of Mr Potter, the bill was amended by adding—"And this charter shall continue in force for thirty years, and no longer."

The bill then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Whitaker, and White—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burroughs, Caldwell, Taylor of Fannin, Weatherford, and Wren—6.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution; read third time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Burroughs, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker, White, and Wren—27.

NAYS—Messrs. Millican, and Russell—2.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston rope, cordage, and cotton manufacturing company; read third time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker, White, and Wren—27.

NAYS—Mr Burroughs—1.

A bill to incorporate the Powder Horn Bayou, and Matagorda bay dredging company; Read third time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Caldwell, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker, White, and Wren—27.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, and Burroughs—2.

A bill requiring all genuine evidences of claim to land, to be located by a given time, together with the report of the committee on public lands, offering a substitute therefor, was read, and substitute adopted.

Mr White moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause.

On motion of Mr Hill, the Senate adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21st, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment.

• Roll called—quorum present.—The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Taylor of Cass, chairman of the committee on public debt, to which was referred the petition of James W. Parker, reported the same back to the Senate, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr Scott chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred a Bill for the relief of Lieut. Col. James Tarleton, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and from the evidence submitted to them, they are satisfied that Col. Tarleton served as a commissioned officer and Private in the Texas army during the years, 1836 and 1837, for a term which entitles him to 1280 acres of Bounty Land, and that he is entitled to one third of a League of Land as a head-right, he being here at the date of the Declaration of Independence; and also to 640 acres of land as a special donation, as one of the gallant band that fought at the battle of San Jacinto, and in consequence of the above facts the committee have unanimously instructed me to report a substitute for the bill, and recommend its passage.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, the rule was suspended,—substitute adopted—and Bill read 2d time.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Fannin, the Bill was amended by adding, "and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage,"—the Bill was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Hill, the Rule was further suspended, Bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Hord, chairman of the committee on State affairs, to which was referred the Petition of the Heirs of John P. Dillard, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its reference to the committee on Finance, as coming more properly within the sphere of that committee.